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SUBJECT: JAPAN-KOREA CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENTS

REF: A) SEOUL 761, JAN. 31, 1974; B) SEOUL 4538, MAY 31,  
1977; C) HONG KONG 7898, JULY 8, 1977.

1.

DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY ANALYZING JAPAN-KOREA CONTINENTAL  
AGREEMENTS RATIFIED JUNE 8. IN 1974 (REFTEL A) TWO AGREE-  
MENTS WERE SIGNED: ONE ESTABLISHED A BOUNDARY IN NORTHERN  
SECTION OF COMMON CONTINENTAL SHELF, OTHER AGREEMENT ES-  
TABLISHED JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE IN SOUTHERN PART OF  
COMMON SHELF. IN RECENT REPORTING (REFTEL B) AND FBIS  
REPORTS NO MENTION IS MADE OF BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BUT ONLY  
OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES  
RATIFICATION OF "CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT" IS TO BOTH  
AGREEMENTS. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO CLARIFY THIS POINT.

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IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION BY  
EMBASSIES ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WHICH MAY BE RE-  
QUIRED. PLEASE SEND REPLY SOONEST TO INR/RGE.

2. REFTEL C REQUESTS VARIOUS MAPS OF NORTH EAST ASIA  
OFFSHORE REGION. GEOGRAPHER IN PROCESS OF COMPLETING MAP  
DEPTCTING "HYPOTHETICAL AND NEGOTIATED ZONES OF NORTHERN

EAST ASIA". COPIES OF MAP AND EXPLANATION WILL BE SENT

TO ADDRESSEES SHORTLY. MAP OF JAPAN-S. KOREA SHELF AGREE-  
MENT WILL BE SENT WHEN ANALYSIS COMPLETED. MAP OF HYPO-  
THETICAL ZONES OF SOUTH CHINA SEA TO BE STARTED SHORTLY.

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